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1. In an undated letter published in the "Tägliche Rundschau" Nr 1 (1419) Page 9, sent by Oberbürgermeister Friedrich Ebert to Vice-President of Police Richard Gyptner (who is also acting President to the absence of Paul Markgraf) the following was stated: "In recognition of the performance of the Berlin police, I grant your request to assume the designation 'Berliner Volkspolizei', effective 1 January 1950."

In pursuance of the above cited directive, Gyptner now signs himself as "President der Volkspolizei in Berlin." The police as such is collectively referred to as "Die Volkspolizei in Berlin."

2. Legally trained police officials realize that, although there was presumably no such intention, the renaming has resulted in a deterioration of the status of the East Sector Police. In the public mind the term Volkspolizei is associated with the East Zone police system and when used with the term Berlin will be construed as confining it to the geographical boundaries of East Berlin. This would imply a tacit recognition of the West Sector Police and concomitantly a relinquishment of the claim of the East Sector Police to have jurisdiction over the whole of Berlin. On the other hand, the title "Polizeipräsident in Berlin" which rightfully belongs to Dr. Johannes Stumm, traditionally describes the position of the legally appointed head of Berlin city police headquarters.

3. According to a statement attributed to the head of the Soviet Control Commission, General Chuikov, approximately two months ago, the People's police in the Eastern sector was to revert to the control of the Magistrat. Until that time the Magistrat had been confined to the exercise of financial control only, i.e., in effect had been permitted to foot the bill. The change in legal status of the East Berlin police resulting from General Chuikov's announcement has been the subject of several conferences attended by representatives of the Magistrat and the Berlin police. The upshot of these deliberations has been that no material change in the jurisdictional subordination as it existed has taken place. The functions of the Oberbürgermeister of East Berlin in the field of police activities are delegated to Waldemar Schmidt, the head

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of the Personnel and Administration Section of the Magistrat . It is he who exercises the so-called "Dienstaufsicht" i.e., supervision in all matters stemming from the fact that Berlin police officials are employed by the Berlin Magistrat . [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] the relation between the police and the Magistrat is in most respects similar to that between the semi-autonomous main administrations (angegliederte Hauptverwaltungen) and the Ministry of the Interior. 50X1-HUM

4. The legal nature of the relationship between police and Magistrat was brought to a practical test recently when the licensing of certain occupations such as chimney sweeps, pawn brokers etc., a function heretofore belonging to the police, was to be turned over to the Magistrat . If the Magistrat had been given effective control of all police affairs, a simple directive from the Oberbürgermeister to the police would have sufficed to effectuate this transfer. Instead the transfer had to be made in the form of a so-called "Ueberleitungs-Verordnung", co-signed by a Magistrat representative and a police representative.

5. As regards supervisory functions still exercised by representatives of the SKK, there has been at least one recent instance in which the SKK asserted such right. It had been contemplated to relinquish to the Magistrat authority over patent and copyright affairs, heretofore vested in the police. When this matter was brought up to the SKK, the official in charge of press matters, Major Morgunov, flatly vetoed the transfer.

[redacted] 50X1-HUM Comment: There is actually no one in the Polizeipräsidium who could offer a legal definition of the current status of the East Berlin Police. It is likely to remain a bone of contention as long as Berlin remains separated. Also the relation between the East Sector police and the Hauptverwaltung fuer Volkspolizei has never been clarified.

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